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## HEAVY LOSSES AT CHICAGO

## MONROE-STREET BLOCK AND A LARGE ELEVATOR DESTROYED.

## Eight Firemen and Ten Spectators Seriously Injured—Fatal Fires in Other Towns and Cities.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 26.—A tiny spiral of smoke curled out of the cellar window of a big building on Market street at 6:50 o'clock this morning. A few hours later one of the most valuable blocks of real estate in the city had been consumed in raging flames. It was the block bounded by 35th, 36th, 37th and 38th streets, and 13th and 14th streets, in the very heart of the city. A few steps to the right looms the massive City Hall, around the corner stands the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal, and directly across the way John Wanamaker's great store stretches from street to street. So fierce was the flame and so strong the wind which aided its destructive work that even this building, distant the width of Market street, was saved almost by a miracle from destruction, and Mr. Wanamaker to-night places his loss at \$100,000. The total loss is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, but in the chaos and confusion now existing it is all but impossible to secure accurate figures. The losses are very generally covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the basement of the six-story building extending from No. 139 to 141 Market street, and in the lower floors by Hanson Brothers, grocers, and above by the umbrella factory of Hirsch Brothers. The smoke was discovered by a policeman, who promptly turned in an alarm, but the fire made such headway that before the engines could be put to work the building was a mass of flames. With uncontrollable rapidity it then spread in all directions, destroying about thirty buildings before it had been finally controlled. The fire reached the big tower of Wanamaker's store about an hour after it started, and the energies of the department were belatedly called into action. The fire was finally extinguished by the use of high-pressure water, and the estimated losses are:

Market Street—Nos. 139-140, Potter & Co., photographers; John Hillman, druggist, \$90,000; 139, 140, 141, Hanson Brothers, grocers, \$100,000; 139, 140, 141, Hirsch Brothers, umbrella factory, \$100,000; 139, 140, 141, Blum Bros., clothing and suit, \$100,000; 139, 140, 141, Marshall, restaurant, \$100,000; 139, 140, 141, Wells, hats, \$100,000; 139, 140, 141, John Dickson, heaters, \$100,000; 139, 140, 141, Henry G. Gibson estate, \$100,000. A number of small three-story buildings, assessed in all at about \$150,000, and four buildings on Filbert street, about \$150,000, were also destroyed. The loss of Dunlap & Clark, valued at \$125,000, Wanamaker's loss on stock will reach \$25,000. Brokers' losses are also heavy. The men were injured, but none seriously, and one man dropped dead of excitement.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament last week ago resumed in the House of Commons to-day. The amendment of Sir William Wedderburn, Bart., member for Banffshire, Radical (who has lived a great time in India and who presided over the fifth Indian National Congress at Bombay), calling for a minute and independent inquiry into the condition of the masses of India, was rejected by a vote of 217 to 50. Sir William Wedderburn contended that the people were in a state of chronic destitution, and asserted that the causes of the evil were the usurers, the system of taxation and the land revenue, which he added, were unsuitable for Indian intelligence.

During the debate Mr. Mancherjee Meherjee, a member for the Bombay division of the Conservative party (a representative of what may be termed the anti-congress party in India), opposed the amendment on the ground that it would incite discontent in India. Mr. George Hamilton, secretary of state of India, said that the amendment emanated from the Indian National Congress, and that the British nation, continuing Sir George Hamilton's inquiry, as proposed, was impracticable. He maintained the condition of the masses in India had improved, and that the present famine, offered occasion for an inquiry.

Mr. Fowler, Liberal, member for East Wolverhampton (who was secretary of state for India in 1894), expressed the hope that if the famine continued, the imperial Parliament would vote it aid. The House of Commons thereupon voted the address to the Queen.

ALL INDIA DECLARED INFECTED. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—The minister for the interior has declared the whole of India to be infected with the plague.

## SLEIGH RIDERS UPSET.

They Were Bound for Eden Valley, but Tumbled Over an Embankment.

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## A Tax Law Sustained.

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